

Bureau of the Census**1997 Economic Census of the Outlying Areas Including Puerto Rico, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands and the U.S. Virgin Islands**

ACTION: Proposed agency information collection activity; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506 (c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before November 4, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Acting Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Joseph T. Reilly, Bureau of the Census, Agriculture and Financial Statistics Division, Room 437, Iverson Mall, Washington, DC 20233. Phone: (301) 763-8557.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Abstract**

The Census Bureau is the preeminent collector and provider of timely, relevant and quality data about the people and economy of the United States including Puerto Rico, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, and the Virgin Islands. Economic data are the Census Bureau's primary program commitment during nondecennial census years. The economic census, conducted under the authority of Title 13, United States Code, is the primary source of dependable facts about each of the outlying areas' economy, and features the only recognized source of data at a geographic level equivalent to U.S. counties. Outlying areas economic census statistics serve to benchmark estimates of net income and gross product, and provide essential information for government (Federal and local), business, and the general public. The 1997 Economic Census of the Outlying Areas will cover the following sectors: retail and wholesale trades, certain services industries, construction, and manufactures.

The information collected in the 1997 Economic Census of the Outlying Areas will produce basic statistics by kind of business for number of establishments, sales, payroll, and employment. It also will yield a variety of industry-specific statistics, including value of shipments, sales by commodity and merchandise lines, and number of hotel rooms.

II. Method of Collection

The 1997 Economic Census of the Outlying Areas will be conducted using mailout/mailback procedures. Mailout/mailback procedures will replace canvassing for Guam, Northern Marianas, and the Virgin Islands. The use of the mail helps reduce respondent burden for establishments that are not within the scope of the census while allowing in-scope establishments the flexibility to complete the form when convenient. As in the 1992 census, only one form covering all economic activity within the scope of the census is used for each area. Since administrative records for the outlying areas sometimes have classification deficiencies the use of one form eliminates time spent by the respondent requesting a sector-appropriate form. Establishments will be selected from the Census Bureau's Standard Statistical Establishment List. An establishment will be included in the 1997 Economic Census of the Outlying Areas if: (a) It is engaged in retail, wholesale, certain services activities, construction, or manufacturing; (b) it is an active establishment with payroll; and (c) it is located in Puerto Rico, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands or the Virgin Islands. No data are tabulated for establishments without payroll.

III. Data

OMB Number: Not Available.

Form Number: OA9819 (Puerto Rico Spanish), OA9820 (Puerto Rico English), OA9863 (Guam), OA9883 (Northern Mariana Islands), and OA9873 (Virgin Islands).

Type of Review: Regular Review.

Affected Public: Businesses or Other For-Profit Organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents:

Puerto Rico—45,000
Guam—4,000
Northern Mariana Islands—2,000
Virgin Islands—3,000
Total—54,000

Estimated Time Per Response:

Puerto Rico—1 hr.
Guam—.5 hr.
Northern Mariana Islands—.5 hr.
Virgin Islands—.5 hr.
Total—2.5 hrs.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:

Puerto Rico—45,000
Guam—2,000
Northern Mariana Islands—1,000
Virgin Islands—1,500
Total—49,500

Estimated Total Annual Cost: The total cost to the government for this work is included in the total cost of the 1997 Economic Census, estimated at \$218 million.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: August 28, 1996.

Linda Engelmeier,
Acting Departmental Forms Clearance
Officer, Office of Management and
Organization.

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International Trade Administration**Intent To Revoke Antidumping Duty Orders and Findings and To Terminate Suspended Investigations**

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Intent To Revoke Antidumping Duty Orders and Findings and To Terminate Suspended Investigations.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (the Department) is notifying the public of its intent to revoke the antidumping duty orders and findings and to terminate the suspended investigations listed below. Domestic interested parties who object to these revocations and terminations must submit their comments in writing no later than the last day of September 1996.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 3, 1996.